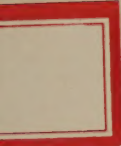


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REPORT

OF THE



FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

Town of Grafton,

INCLUDING A REPORT FROM THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1877.

EAST CANAAN:
REPORTER PRESS.
1877.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Having examined the Selectmen's books and accounts we now submit the following report :

Cash received by the Selectmen.

Received from County for support of paupers,	\$172 33
“ From H. O. Rollins school house tax district No. 4,	36 72
“ From H. O. Rollins school house tax district No. 1,	40 47
“ Of J. B. Page cash collected on highway tax '75,	12 41
“ Of Town Treasurer,	2686 24
Total received by the Selectmen,	\$2948 17

Disbursements by the Selectmen.

COUNTY BILLS.

Paid Joseph Sleeper, for support Lavina Flanders,	\$108 00
Henry C. Varnum, for support Ziba Varnum,	95 00
Henry C. Varnum, for support of W. Varnum,	10 00
Joseph Sleeper, for support of Nellie M. Flanders,	27 50
Joel Blackman, goods for R. Prescott,	1 25
Seth B. Barney, for support of R. Prescott and wife,	147 50
Henry C. Johnson, for support of Sleeper children,	32 00
Charles Barney, for support of Sleeper children,	60 75

Peter Pecoy, for support of Sleeper children,	21 75
Frank M. Sleeper, for support of Julia Prescott,	16 70
J. E. Martin, goods furnished Julia Prescott,	70
J. E. Martin, goods furnished Nellie M. Flanders,	5 59
J. E. Martin, goods furnished Lavina Flanders,	10 42
J. E. Martin, goods furnished Sleeper children,	13 86

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Roswell Gage, for moving Lavina Fisk to Sleepers,	2 50
James S. Prescott, 7 lambs killed by dogs,	14 00
Arthur Kimball, labor on highway,	4 82
H. W. Hardy, breaking roads in 1876,	3 75
Stephen Fellows, sheep killed by Dogs,	2 00
Cyrus M. Cole, shoveling snow in 1875,	75
S. W. Barney, 3076 feet bridge plank,	30 66
Alvah Stevens, expense to Haverhill with Julia Prescott,	8 00
E. C. Eastman, blank books and Town Officer,	9 95
G. G. Little, going after County pauper,	1 00
C. O. Barney, printing Town Reports,	13 50
J. B. Page, services as Auditor 1876,	1 50
W. P. Messer, labor on highway,	8 97
J. W. Kilton, services as Town Treasurer 1876,	10 00
W. P. Sanders, breaking roads,	5 00
M. S. Williams, keeping tramps,	2 75
Gilbert Waldron, breaking roads in Atwell district,	2 70
H. C. Johnson, breaking roads,	4 50
Thomas Putney, breaking roads,	13 00
J. L. Rogers, certificate of 2 births and deaths,	50
L. T. Barney, labor on highway,	1 22
O. B. Childs, breaking roads,	2 50
W. P. Messer, labor on highway,	1 50
S. R. Truell, bridge plank and breaking roads,	22 95
H. W. Truell, bridge plank and work on highway,	4 80
R. Peaslee, labor on highway,	3 00
C. M. Cole, bridge stringer,	1 00

J. G. Whitcomb and Counsel, part damage and cost in the Whitcomb suit,	1060 00
Alvah Stevens, expense to Haverhill with L. Flan- ders,	9 80
B. B. Whitney, for support of Emma Heath,	49 56
H. C. Johnson, bridge plank and labor on bridge,	17 50
John Jeffers, labor on highway,	4 90
Alvah Stevens, expense to Andover in Stevens case,	4 40
L. D. Braley, drawing plank and repairing bridge,	1 50
John P. Bullock, cutting bushes and repairing high- way,	3 00
H. W. Stevens and wife, damage to team and Mrs. Stevens on the highway,	75 00
S. R. Truell, bridge plank and labor on highway,	8 50
H. C. Varnum, cutting bushes on highway,	2 25
E. M. Tucker, records of births and deaths,	75
L. M. Ford, rebuilding bridge and abutment to the same,	37 25
Lewis Hall, support of Sophia Hall 1875,	12 00
G. G. Little, building bridge and furnishing lumber,	25 00
G. G. Little, going to Canaan with Lavina Flanders,	2 00
J. P. Sanders, labor on highway, bridge plank and stringer,	16 56
Sewell Hale, bridge timber,	1 00
Hiram Barney, bridge stringer,	1 00
John Russell, labor on highway and bridge,	5 00
L. M. Ford, blasting rock on highway and drawing plank,	4 00
G. M. Flanders, labor on highway,	3 00
W. H. Burleigh, bridge plank, stringers and labor on highway,	19 75
C. W. Cook, for plank, stringers and labor on high- way,	2 00
G. M. Sulloway, for 1062 feet bridge plank,	8 81
Samuel W. Barney, for 2463 feet of bridge plank,	24 63
John W. Tinkham, school house tax in dis't. No. 1,	39 50

John M. Shirley, services in Stevens case,	49 50
J. B. Bullock, public watering trough 1875 & '76,	5 00
Carlos S. Martin, labor on highway,	3 85
Perry Martin, labor on highway and plank,	19 41
Mastin S. Williams, for keeping tramps,	5 00
J. C. Wilkins, keeping tramps,	2 00
Randolph Lucas, labor on highway and bridge plank,	12 40
L. D. Williams, plank and breaking roads,	1 60
H. B. Williams, breaking roads,	1 30
C. G. Bucklin, breaking roads,	1 30
P. Ford, drawing plank, labor on bridge and breaking roads,	10 60
John C. Durgin, breaking roads,	2 20
Sylvester Brock, breaking roads,	3 50
David Buffum, breaking roads,	50
Jesse Pierce, breaking roads,	3 30
S. R. Swett, taking depositions,	2 50
I. B. Bullock, bridge plank and breaking roads,	4 80
Hattie F. Hall, for support of Sophia Hall,	104 00
Roswell Gage, breaking roads,	7 65
Hattie F. Hall, for support of Sophia Hall,	8 00
Peter Pecoy, breaking roads,	4 00
J. P. Sanders, breaking roads,	10 00
John R. Smith, 300 feet bridge plank,	2 70
R. Underhill, damage to wagon on highway 1875,	2 00
L. D. Braley, breaking roads,	4 50
J. E. Martin, goods furnished Sophia Hall,	2 87
D. J. Clay, keeping tramps,	8 50
Arthur S. Frazier, services as Town Clerk,	10 00
Arthur S. Frazier, services as S. S. Committee and for school notices,	35 75
Lyman M. Ford, keeping tramps,	4 00
T. F. Brown, breaking roads in winter of 1877,	8 00
J. E. Martin, aid and car fare poor and transient,	12 00
J. E. Martin, stamps and stationery,	1 50
J. W. Kilton, for bridge plank and stringer,	73 79

Nov. 13,	"	Canaan,	3 00
	"	Orange,	3 00
		Paid board bill D. J. Clay,	7 50
Dec.		Journey to Canaan,	3 00
		Journey to Lynn,	10 00
	"	Franklin,	3 00
		Paid G. W. Rollins,	3 72
		2 Journeys to Franklin,	4 00
		Journey to Springfield,	4 00
	"	Plymouth,	21 00
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			\$258 65
May 29, By Cash,			165 00
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		Amount paid in 1877,	\$93 65
		Total paid out by the Selectmen,	\$2948 17
		Total Received,	2948 17

OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Due Pike & Blodgett, services in Whitcomb suit,	409 55
Dr. Manahan,	37 00
G. W. Murray services in Whitcomb case, State vs.	
Grafton, Alexandria vs. Grafton, Grafton vs.	
Stevens, and in pauper cases,	684 66
School districts one-third railroad tax,	93 33
Literary Fund,	99 90
H. O. Rollins collector,	35 00
Estimated outstanding claims,	500 00
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Total outstanding claims,	\$1859 44

AVAILABLE MEANS OF THE TOWN.

Due on Collectors bond for 1872,	\$44 21
" " 1873,	15 63
" " 1874,	16 60
" " 1875,	65 00
" " 1876,	577 25

Note due from C. Kimball,	47 92
From the County,	551 02
In Town Treasurer's hands,	844 10
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Total available means,	\$2161 79
Amount of Outstanding Claims,	1859 44
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$302 35

We find the books correct and all accounts properly vouched for.

HORACE BARNEY, }
JOSEPH B. PAGE, } Auditors.

Grafton, Feb. 24, 1877.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of James W. Kilton,	\$1769 57
“ State Treasurer Railroad Tax,	280 01
“ “ Savings Bank Tax,	597 70
“ “ Literary Fund,	99 90
“ H. O. Rollins, Collector,	3441 67
“ “ Interest on taxes,	31 48
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	\$6220 33
Paid County Treasurer, County tax,	\$791 67
State Treasurer, State tax,	836 00
The Selectmen,	2686 24
The several school districts,	1062 32 5376 23
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Balance in Treasurer's hands,	\$844 10

HORACE BARNEY, Treasurer.

Feb. 24, 1877.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee-respectfully submits the following report of the schools of Grafton :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Both summer and winter terms taught by Miss Sarah E. Suloway. Good improvement in reading and grammar. The most advanced scholar, Lettie J. Tinkham. The most advanced according to age, Hattie M. Gove.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer term taught by Miss Fannie F. Sanborn. The term was short and but little advancement was made.

Winter term taught by Mr. Simeon R. Williams. This term was a perfect success. The most improvement was made here between my two visits that I ever saw made in a school during the same length of time. This was Mr. W's. first term. The most advanced scholar, James S. Brock. The most advanced according to age, Mabel C. Ford.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Both terms taught by Mrs. D. L. Straw, with her usual success. The most advanced scholars, Samuel Colby, Bell Hackett, Almina F. Bullock.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Only one term in this district, and that taught by Mr. Albert B. Stevens. The term was long, and consequently a great deal was learned and learned well. This was Mr. Stevens' first term. The order was excellent, and he bids fair to become a first class teacher. Most advanced scholars, Fred A. Stevens, Bertha Flanders.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer term taught by Miss Mary E. Gifford, with good results.

Winter term taught by Mr. Charles C. Tucker. This was Mr. Tucker's first experience. He seemed well adapted to his position ; was faithful in his duties, and successful. A difficulty arose during the term in regard to building the fire, which ended in some of the older boys leaving school, which was the best thing they could do, as long as their parents did not give their support to the school. Most advanced scholar, Laura L. Wilkins. Most advanced according to age, Leon C. Wilkins.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer, fall and winter terms taught by Miss Sylvia Richards. Miss Richards is a thorough teacher in every branch required to be taught in such a school, and possesses an aptness for the task. Consequently, good improvement was made. Most advanced scholars, Frank Williams and Estella Kilton

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer term taught by Miss Josephine Smith. On my first visit the school appeared well. I was unable to visit the school at the close, and am not able to report the advancement made.

Winter term taught by Miss Hattie S. Pettengill. The instruction in this school was very thorough and accurate. The scholars of fine abilities, and the progress excellent. We have to concede to this school the best scholarship and greatest advancement in the higher studies. Most advanced scholars, J. Edward Walker, Hattie Smith.

DISTRICT NO 10.

Summer term taught by Miss Emma J. Gage. Under her care the school was well managed and thoroughly taught, and made good progress. Winter term taught by Miss Ida O'Hara. The school made commendable progress. Most advanced scholar, Lillian A. Webster.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Summer term taught by Miss Sarah M. Winship. This school

was very small, only six scholars attending. It is also rather backward. Under the judicious instruction of Miss Winship the school made rapid improvement. Winter term taught by Miss Marie I. Clough. Fair progress was made. Most advanced scholar, Lennie C. Waldron.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Summer term taught by Miss Sarah E. Clough. I received no notice of the commencement of the term, but thinking the school must be in session, I ventured to visit it, and found it nearly finished. Miss Clough is a thorough scholar, and the pupils appeared to have made good progress in their studies.

Winter term taught by Miss Sarah M. Winship; with success. Most advanced scholar, Idella A. Gile.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Both summer and winter terms taught by Mrs. C. A. Hill. Mrs. Hill is an experienced teacher, and having the full support of the parents, the school made rapid and thorough improvement. Most advanced scholars, Willie Hoyt, Oscar Sargent, Josephine Saunders.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Taking the schools together, I find that there has been more progress made this year than was made last year. This I think was due to the fact that more experienced teachers have been employed this year than last. There should be a change made in some of the text books used in our schools. Hillard's Readers should be changed for a series of later date. The Progressive Speller should be changed. Greenleaf's Common School Arithmetic should be changed for Greenleaf's Practical Arithmetic, and Swinton's Geography should be introduced. The following scholars have not been absent one day during the school year. Flora E. Barney, Ernest A. Martin, Anna Williams, Bertha M. Flanders, Sadie E. Flanders, Clara E. Prescott, S. Jennie Smith, Harry L. Prescott, Walter A. Robinson.

ARTHUR S. FRAZIER, S. S. Committee.

Grafton, Feb. 26, 1877.